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1. In 1941 when the Cuban Communist Party had been changed to Union Revolucionaria Comunista, the Party decided to reestablish a youth section within the Party since it had been unsuccessful in its attempts to control the non-Communist youth groups. The Juventud Revolucionaria Cubana was then formed with Severro Aguirre, now prominent as a member of the PSP National Executive Committee, as President, and Flavio Bravo as a member of the National Executive Committee. In 1945 the Juventud Revolucionaria Cubana became the Juventud Socialista, with Flavio Bravo as President, which position he still holds.
2. The Juventud Democrática is one of the numerous Communist organizations which appear and disappear at the convenience of the Partido Socialista Popular (Cuban Communist Party). The Hermandad de Jóvenes Cubanos and the Agrupación de Jóvenes del Pueblo united to form the Juventud Democrática, which was organized to get Cuban youth more closely allied with the WMDY.
3. The Hermandad de Jóvenes Cubanos and the Agrupación de Jóvenes del Pueblo Cubano were outgrowths of the Liga Juvenil Comunista, the first youth group of the Communist Party in Cuba. These two groups, which were not specifically Communist organizations, were front groups established at the instigation of Communist leaders in an effort to unify all youth groups in Cuba with the ultimate goal of dominating the associations and educating Cuban youth to Communism.
4. The Comité Cubano Pro Congreso Continental de la Juventud Latino Americana was a committee formed in 1947 for the purpose of arranging Cuban participation in world youth congresses and activities, particularly those of the WMDY, with which some of the groups are affiliated. Members of the Comité were officers of the many youth organizations in Cuba. The Comité was most active in 1947 and 1948 at the time of the WMDY Congress in Mexico and immediately following the congress when the WMDY representatives went to Cuba. Wilfredo Hernandez, prominent in the Auténtico Party's youth group and active as a leader of the Cuban youth movement, was President of the Comité. Although he is not a declared Communist Party member, Hernandez has on many occasions been associated with Communist programs. Hernandez, a negro, was attending the University of Habana Law School in 1948 and is known to have taken part in the 1947 abortive Dominican Republic revolutionary attempt. He was one of the Cuban delegates to the youth congress in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1945. Oscar Camps, of the Comité Pro República Española, was Secretary of the Comité.

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5. Many Cuban non-Communist youth groups were represented by the Comité, including the following:

Asociacion de Alumnos de Artes y Oficios, the correct name for the  
Federacion de Estudiantes de Artes y Oficios  
Juventud Evangelica  
Juventud Ortodoxo of the Partido del Pueblo Cubano  
Seccion Juvenil del Partido Revolucionario Cubano - Autentico

6. Nothing has been heard for several months of any activity by the Comité Cubano Pro Congreso Continental de la Juventud Latino-Americano.

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